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Matt Binter | Collegian

Jordy Nelson, wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers and former K-State football player, is headed to the Super Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

Former Wildcat heads to Super Bowl with Packers

NFL wide receiver

**Jordy Nelson stays true
to small-town roots**

Abbey Heikes
staff writer

To say that Manhattan is comparable to any city with an NFL team may be considered a stretch, but when compared to the city of Green Bay, it is not so absurd. Green Bay is home to the Packers, a team scheduled to play the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV on Sunday.

Green Bay, Wis., located at the south end of the Bay of Green Bay, has a population of around 101,000 and is approximately 120 miles north of Milwaukee. As this city of die-hard Packers fans is highly anticipating the matchup on Sunday, the town of Manhattan also has something to celebrate.

Jordy Nelson.

Nelson, 25, a former walk-on at K-State, is expected to play the position of wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers on Super Bowl Sunday.

As a redshirt freshman at K-State during the 2003 football season, Nelson switched positions from defensive back to wide receiver. He had a successful sophomore campaign but had a disappointing junior year due to an injury. Nelson persevered his senior year and earned consensus All-American honors and was a finalist for the 2007 Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top college wide receiver. Nelson completed the '07 season with 122 receptions for 1,606 yards. He was the 36th overall selection in the 2008 draft to the Green Bay Packers.

It is hard for the Nelson family to believe that one of their own plays professional football, let alone in the Super Bowl.

At their restaurant, Nelson's Landing, the Nelson family explained Jordy's ascent into professional football. Growing up, Nelson never dreamed that he would end up in the NFL. Nelson attended Riley County High School where he participated in football, basketball and track. While he loved the game of basketball, Nelson realized that

his talent was football.

"Basketball was his love but he realized that his greatest top side was in football. He is not 6'9 and if he wanted to play a professional sport there are a lot more players and positions in football," said Alan Nelson, Jordy's father. "Every dad

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Alan Nelson
Jordy Nelson's father

wishes his kids could be in the NFL but the reality is very few of them make it," Alan said.

After the K-State game against Texas in 2007, Alan said Jordy real-

ized "I can play with these guys."

It was smooth sailing from there. In 2008, his rookie year, he was the only Packers rookie to appear in every game. He also became the only rookie in team history to finish with more than 30 catches and a kick return over 45 yards in his debut season. During the 2009 season, Nelson totaled more than 1,000 all-purpose yards, 320 yards receiving, 635 yards from kickoff returns, and 90 yards on punt returns. As for the 2010 season, the Super Bowl is looming.

"He has three things left: scoring a touchdown, winning a Super Bowl and being an MVP," Alan said.

When asked about her reaction to the Packers winning the NFC championship, Kim Nelson, Jordy's mother, said "I just sat down in my chair, had a few tears and sat there and shook my head."

Has all of this gone to his head? According to his parents, definitely not.

"You would never know that when he comes home or if you

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Students team up with professors for cancer research

**Undergraduates offered
chance to conduct lab
work through program**

Sam Diederich
news editor

At K-State's Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, laboratories are like games of hide-and-seek — the more, the merrier. In the case of most laboratories, undergraduate research assistants are "the more" and mentoring professors are "the merrier."

The cancer research center is continuing a program this year that gives undergraduate students the opportunity to join professors in conducting research projects and lab work. The program has been successful in attracting students in the past, and this year is no exception.

"We've had over 800 stu-

dents participate in the program, and have invested over \$1 million in the program over the years," said Rob Denell, professor of biology and director of the center. "The aim of the program is to allow outstanding undergraduates to participate in research in our laboratories."

Students pair up with faculty members to submit applications to the center. Denell said the evaluation process can be critical and competitive, and the selection committee will not issue every research award that is available if they cannot find suitable student matches.

"We receive right around 50 applications a year, and sometimes we accept fewer than that, but the odds of a good student who has good contact with a lab getting an award are high," Denell said.

Students who are accepted into the program receive a stipend of \$1,000, and research

mentors also receive \$1,000 to put towards research expenses.

Though all student-pro-

research projects can vary.

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Facebook apps under scrutiny

**Most popular apps may
be transmitting user IDs
to third-party companies**

Jena Sauber
staff writer

Facebook applications allow users to view their top friends, manage a "farm," edit photos and play games. However, the safety of using the Facebook applications is now under scrutiny.

According to an article published in the Wall Street Journal on Oct. 18, "Many of the most popular applications, or 'apps,' on the social-networking site Facebook Inc. have been transmitting identifying information to dozens of advertising and Internet tracking companies."

"These apps are a growing source of revenue for Facebook," said Diane Swanson, professor of management and chair of the Business Ethics Education Initiative at K-State. "Control over these apps is a thorny issue."

The study, done by the Wall Street Journal as part of the "What They Know" series, investigated the growing number of companies building databases to track people online, including Facebook applications. The study found that all 10 of the most popular applications on Facebook were transmitting user IDs to outside companies.

The IDs are a unique number assigned to every Facebook user that can allow outsiders to view information such as your name, age and place of residence.

The Farmville application, which ranked in the top 10 with 59 million users, has also been allegedly transmitting personal information about a user's friends to outside companies. Following the release of the study in the Wall Street Journal, some applications were removed from the website.

"Facebook is fulfilling a need for social connections, but it's a double-edged sword. The concern is Facebook isn't seeing its users as customers, but as products," Swanson said. "There's a different relationship involved when you're trying to keep customers than if you're viewing them as IDs to sell for revenue. How much motivation does Facebook have to stop the transmission of personal data via the apps?"

While Facebook does have a written privacy policy on its website, Swanson said she believes the policy doesn't guarantee corresponding behavior.

According to the Facebook Privacy Policy page, "We don't share your information with advertisers without your consent." However, under the "Pre-Approved Third-Party Websites and Applications" clause on the Privacy Page, it states that "in order to provide you with useful social experiences off of Facebook, we occasionally need to provide General Information about you to pre-approved third-party websites and applications that use Platform at the time you visit them."

"It seems that Facebook policy prohibits the practice in word, but saying there is a privacy policy is different than the actual reality of what's happening," Swanson said.

Many K-State students said they do believe Facebook shares their personal information, but their opinions about the alleged practice varied.

"I feel like it's just part of using Facebook," said Jennafer Deems, freshman in animal science and industry. "I don't listen to the advertisements, so that doesn't bother me. However, if it hurt me in any way, I wouldn't

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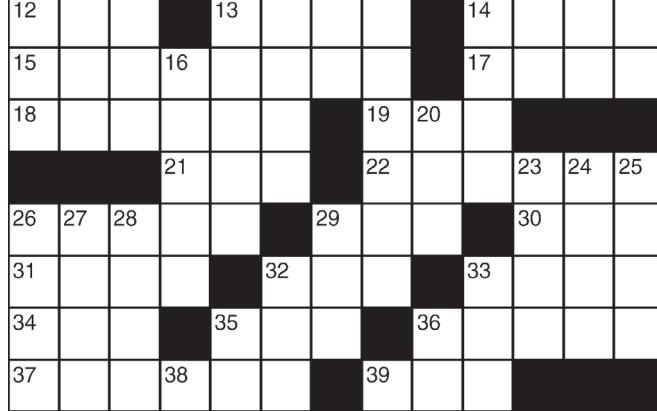
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'Humble Boy' opens in Nichols Theater

Play takes a comedic turn on 'Hamlet'

Austin Enns
coverage editor

"Humble Boy" is similar to "Hamlet." A man whose father died has a problem with the new lover that his mother has taken and sees the ghost of his father. The female interest of the main character even jokingly quotes the famous Ophelia line "Get thee to a nunnery." Unlike "Hamlet" though, "Humble Boy" was written comedically and is set in the 20th century.

Felix, the protagonist played by Kyle Myers, senior in theater, is an astrophysicist and as a result some of the jokes show his knowledge and the other characters' ignorance. Other jokes deal with the death of his

father, who was cremated and placed in a honey pot.

Flora, Felix's mother played by Lauren Perez, senior in theater, gives the pot to an unsuspecting Felix who is stunned.

"I just lost a bit of his nose," Felix said.

"Humble Boy" premiered Thursday night to a more than half-empty Nichols Theater. Despite even the interference of a snow storm on their rehearsal schedule, the show managed to seemingly please the audience.

Matt Nolte, freshman in open option, said he is required to attend two plays this se-

mester for his Introduction to Theater class. Nolte said that he chose "Humble Boy" because he had not seen it before, and said he really enjoyed it.

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senior in theater**

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"I've been to comedies and dramas before; this is really good," Nolte said.

"The acting is really good."

"Humble Boy" also has physical humor mixed in. A lesser character places the ashes of Felix's father in a soup that all the

characters are eating, and Felix and his mother's lover get in a semi-duel with a chair and a hoe.

Joe Klug, senior in theater and house manager at Nich-

ols, said the actors were well prepared despite the problems presented by a closed campus and slick roads.

"We were able to rehearse Monday because the weather wasn't too bad, but even though we didn't rehearse Tuesday we were really far ahead," Klug said.

The entire play occurs in the garden of Flora's home, and the set was stayed relatively unchanged throughout the two acts. A long swing hung from the ceiling and a beehive resided in the corner of the stage.

The only significant change to the set was the addition of a table, set of chairs, and cutlery in the second act.

Encore presentations of "Humble Boy" are scheduled for tonight, Saturday and Feb. 9-12 at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theater.



Above: Kyle Myers, senior in theater plays the character of Felix in "Humble Boy."
Left: Charles Johnston stares at Felix during rehearsal. Johnston, graduate student in theater, plays the character of George in "Humble Boy."

Photos by Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian



Beach Museum hosts Valentine's Day arts and crafts workshop for adults

**Jessica Tracz
senior staff writer**

Full of pink hearts, candy and sparkling grape juice, members of the Manhattan community prepared for the upcoming holiday at the Beach Museum of Art Thursday night during the Valentine's Workshop for Adults. Not just for couples, those that attended created valentines, provided lots of sweets and were even able to take valentine photographs and print them off on the spot. Katherine Schlageck, senior educator for the museum was the coordinator of the

Katie Kramer cuts out a heart to add the finishing touch on her valentine at the Beach Museum's Valentine's Workshop for Adults.

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event and also fostered the idea over a decade ago. She brought about the idea from her experiences as a child when her mother would give her supplies to make valentines for her grandparents.

They have been doing this event for more than 10 years for kids, and this marks the third year of the adult workshop. Schlageck said it's mostly to answer the question, "Why do my kids get to have all the fun?"

Nonetheless, this workshop does not require that you be an adult with children to attend.

"Last year, four male graduate students snuck away — they told their girlfriends they had to meet with their adviser — to make valentines in secret," Schlageck said in an e-mail. "I'm assuming they scored big brownie

points."

Schlageck also said that others in attendance usually come from their regular crowd of Ladies Night participants.

Jenny Murdock, elementary teacher at Northview Elementary School, attended this year's workshop. This is her first year as a museum member, and her daughter has been attending the morning craft classes.

Murdock said she saw the advertisements for the adult classes and thought it would be fun to get some friends together and do some arts and crafts.

"I thought it'd just be fun to get out in the evening, and just do something in the community and at the Beach Museum...it's fun," Murdock said.

Those in attendance were able to create personal mementos for their loved ones

that defy the normal standards for what a traditional "valentine" is.

Once the guests arrived, Schlageck gave a short presentation on the work of Andy Warhol. Everyone was then given a tour of the Andy Warhol exhibit before the arts and crafts began.

Tables were packed full of paper, ribbons, rhinestones and lots of other supplies to create the perfect valentine.

Julie Koenig, museum member, took advantage of the evening as well and said the museum events she attends are always a good time.

"Anything at the Beach is always worth your time," she said.

The museum's events for the holiday are not over. The Family Valentines Workshop is scheduled for Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Schlageck said many of those in attendance are usually K-State graduate students. The event is sponsored by Student Friends of the Beach Museum of Art.

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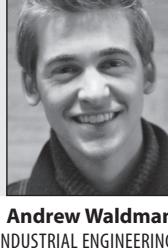
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Who is going to win the Super Bowl?



"Green Bay."

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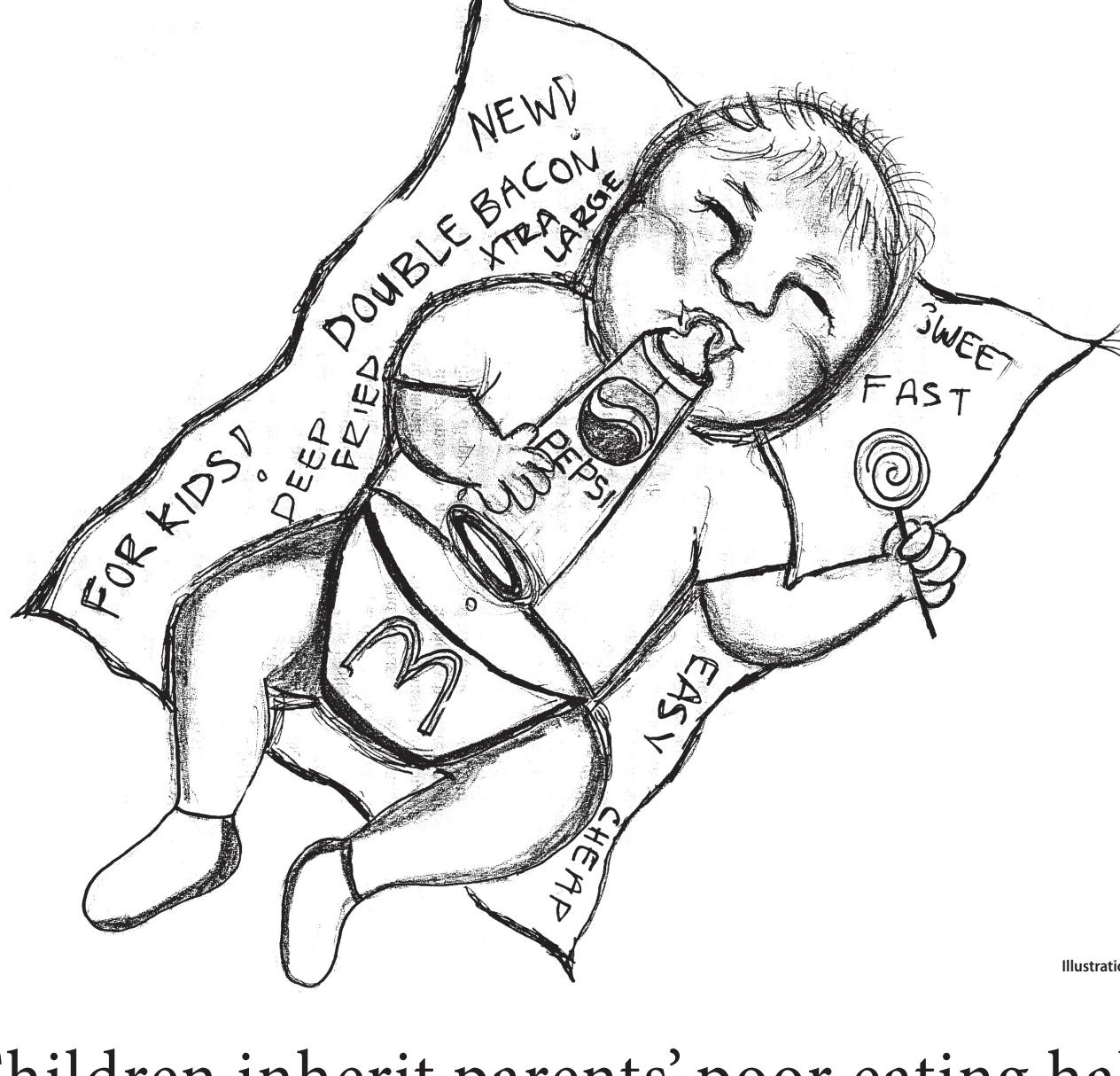
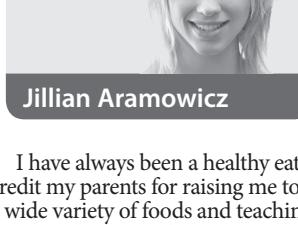


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Children inherit parents' poor eating habits



Jillian Aramowicz

I have always been a healthy eater. I credit my parents for raising me to try a wide variety of foods and teaching me to make smart choices. We almost always made our own meals in my house and many times, my friends were baffled at my food choices. I preferred corn or carrots to french fries, juice to pop and pears to candy. I refused to eat processed school lunches and I never went trick-or-treating.

People ask me if I resent missing out on that part of my childhood and I always say no. I never wanted to go trick-or-treating. Every Halloween, my mom would let me pick whatever I wanted for supper, rent a movie of my choice and buy me a new box of markers. True story. I thought it was the best thing ever.

When I look at the statistics and habits of parents and children today,

I notice that an increasing number of people are feeding their kids junk food and not advocating a healthy lifestyle. By using candy as a reward and fast food as a convenient meal replacement, we are doing our children and ourselves a terrible disservice that needs to be changed to ensure the health and well-being of our society.

The statistics about obesity, heart disease and other health problems related to our lifestyle choices are constantly on the increase and becoming ever more sobering. It is one thing to make poor eating habits for yourself, but we should actively be trying to stop the same habits from forming in the minds of young children.

According to Eileen Behan in her book "The Baby Food Bible," by the age of 2, an average toddler's favorite vegetable is the french fry. This should not be surprising. A Jan. 25, 2005, column by Julia Ransohoff in a report from the Palo Alto Medical Foundation on www.pamforg.org, showed 25 percent of Americans consume fast food every single day and, on a global scale, children between the ages of 6 to 14 eat fast food 157,000,000 times a month.

In the last several years, the rates of overweight children have risen

drastically. A May 2008 report from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry found that between 16 and 33 percent of kids are overweight or obese. Additionally, obesity causes 300,000 deaths every year. According to Chris Silva in the Sept. 20 article "Deadline Looms for Extending School Nutrition Programs" on the American Medical News website, www.amednews.com, obesity kills more Americans every year than AIDS, cancer and traffic accidents combined. We live in a nation that is literally eating itself to death while one sixth of the world's population is starving. This so-called land of opportunity is resting on its laurels of gluttony.

Fast food is not the only culprit, the lack of discipline parents exercise in how much candy and junk food their kids consume is also to blame. As I mentioned previously, I never went trick-or-treating as a child. I do not have any problem with people that do let their kids partake in this tradition, but I do think that parents should have a stricter approach to what is an appropriate amount of candy a child should consume, on Halloween and throughout the year.

In a survey conducted by [\[shealth.org\]\(http://shealth.org\), 25 percent of children said they can eat all their Halloween candy in one day or at the very least, in less than one week. The Centers For Disease Control reported that tooth decay amongst children ages 2-5 increased 28 percent from 1994-2004, which shows an undeniable connection between the food choices parents allow and the overall health of their kids. In 2007, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that the average American eats an astounding 24.5 pounds of candy per year. No one needs to consume almost 25 pounds of candy. But we do and let young people follow in our footsteps because it's easy and it feels good.](http://www.kid-</p>
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In order to maintain a level of personal responsibility and dedication to the health of our impressionable children, Americans need to stop using convenience and simplicity as an excuse to have poor diets. By lessening our addiction to fast food and processed sweets, the dichotomy between our health and our diets will flourish and our bodies and families will reap the benefits.

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MTV's 'Skins' should remain on air despite controversy



Joshua Madden

Usually I write my opinion pieces on some kind of political event, be it a court decision, a Congressional vote or a statement from a notable politician. As a political science major, I am predisposed to caring about these things more than the average student, but my other major interest is pop culture, an interest not universally shared amongst political science majors. Every now and then these two fields collide and it is these intersections between politics and pop culture that I find most interesting. A prominent example is the public's reaction to the MTV show "Skins."

"Skins" is a remake of a British show with very similar characters and plots and is perhaps most notable for its depictions of high schoolers engaging in casual drug use and sexual activity. Anyone who has turned on MTV in the past 20 years or so should not be offended by this; "Jersey Shore" and "The Real World" feature content just as racy and they're reality shows, not fictional dramas. Many people, however, are up in arms about the content on "Skins" and are calling for its cancellation.

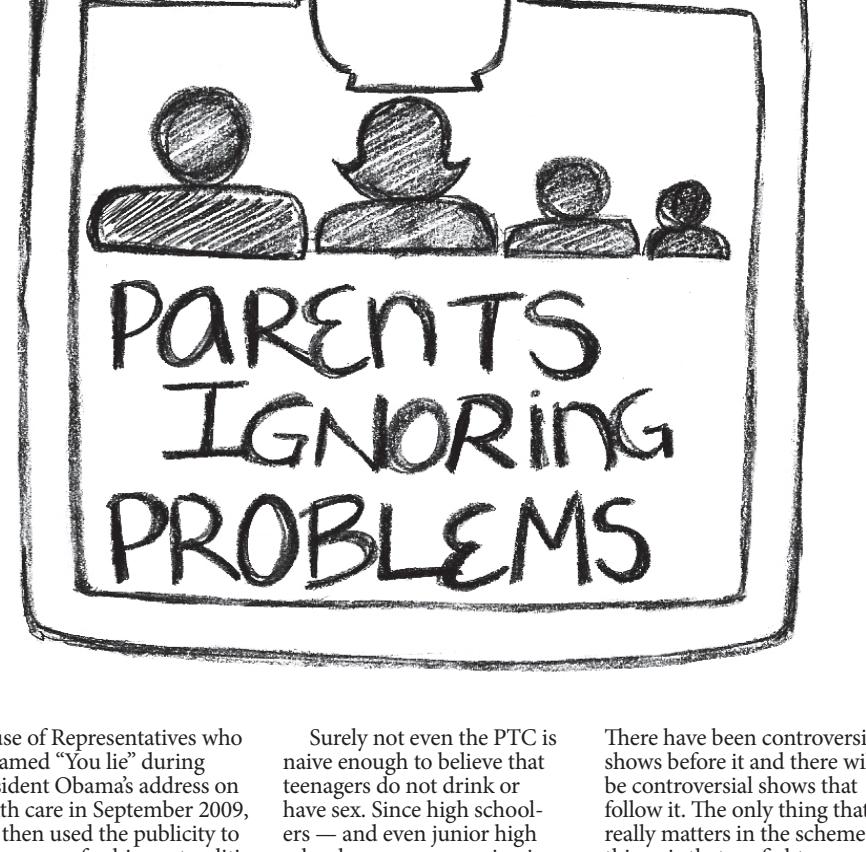
In a Jan. 20 press release titled "PTC Calls on Feds to Investigate 'Skins' on MTV for Child Pornography and Exploitation," the Parents

Television Council called on the Department of Justice, the Senate, the House of Representatives, pretty much everyone in the federal government, to investigate "Skins" for violating child pornography laws. In my opinion, the charges are totally unfounded and I think it is offensive that the PTC throws them out so casually.

Reasonable people ignore the PTC because it is, at worst, malicious or crazy and, at best, rather restrictive of free speech. But many advertisers have chosen to pull their advertising from "Skins" because of the negative perception surrounding the show. I would argue that these advertisers are being rather unreasonable in how they are handling the situation. There is no evidence, to my knowledge, that there is actually any overt nudity on "Skins," despite what the title of the show implies.

The PTC is roughly the same as Al Sharpton, in my opinion: it's famous for complaining about things and making them into issues to bring attention to themselves. I feel that the PTC has never really come up with a good reason to explain why parents cannot prevent their children from watching shows that they feel are inappropriate.

How is "Skins" any different than a film like "American Beauty," which deals with much of the same subject matter? It's not because one is a television show and the other is a film; "American Beauty" is aired on television. It is because the PTC uses these "negative" events as fund-raising opportunities, much like Joe Wilson from South Carolina, the member of the



House of Representatives who screamed "You lie" during President Obama's address on health care in September 2009, and then used the publicity to raise money for his next political campaign. What terrific company to be in.

MTV's argument is a valid one: In another Jan. 20 article from FoxNews.com titled, "Taco Bell Pulls Ads From Controversial MTV Show 'Skins' Amid Child Porn Accusations," it is pointed out that "in a statement released Thursday, MTV defended the show that they claim addresses 'real-world issues confronting teens in a frank way.'

Surely not even the PTC is naive enough to believe that teenagers do not drink or have sex. Since high schoolers — and even junior high schoolers — are engaging in these actions, ignoring them is quite possibly the worst course of action. Organizations like the PTC should consider encouraging shows like "Skins" because they promote honest discussion on serious issues. These parents should probably have conversations with their kids about sex and drugs instead of forming organizations to fight shows like "Skins."

"Skins" is not as unique as the PTC makes it out to be.

There have been controversial shows before it and there will be controversial shows that follow it. The only thing that really matters in the scheme of things is that we fight censorship at every turn. The PTC may throw around whatever terms they want, but they are simply not founded in fact. The only offense that "Skins" is guilty of is being a convenient scapegoat for parents who do not want to acknowledge their own failures.

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ROAD TWIST

Wildcats to take on Cyclones in Ames

Ashley Dunkak
senior staff writer

On Saturday, the Wildcats will hit the road and attempt to move one game closer to a .500 Big 12 Conference record. Their opponents, the Iowa State Cyclones, are currently on a five-game skid and at the bottom of the Big 12. The recent losses, though, will only make this weekend's contest tougher on K-State, head coach Frank Martin said.

"No one likes to lose," he said. "Losing goes against every competitor's DNA."

Martin points to Iowa State's head coach Fred Hoiberg as one reason the Cyclones (14-9, 1-7 Big 12) are still a threat. Hoiberg, who is in his first season with the program, played for Iowa State years ago and followed up his college career with 10 years in the NBA and another as an executive for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The kind of pride he had to be able to play top-level basketball is the kind of pride he is instilling in the Cyclones program, Martin said.

"You don't want to go play competitors when they've been losing," he said. "They're never in a good mood."

K-State senior forward Curtis Kelly said there is one Cyclones player in particular for whom the Wildcats must watch. Diente Garrett, a 6-foot-4-inch senior guard from Milwaukee, leads the team in scoring with 17.7 points per game. He is also a 77 percent free-throw shooter.

While the Cyclones have five players averaging double figures and three who have made between 40 and 60 3-pointers this season, Garrett is the one who makes everything go, Kelly said. His teammates get the ball to him and let him work.

"We've got to eliminate his productivity," Kelly said. "We've got to slow him down a lot. If we slow him down, we'll be fine. I think we'll be good, but he's the control-

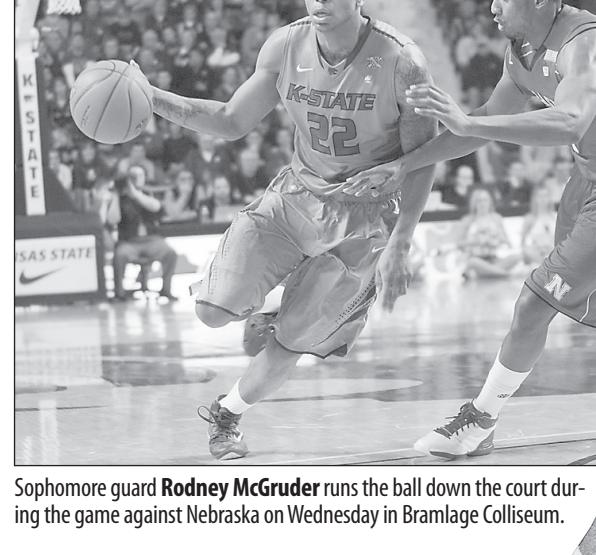
ler. He's the one that orchestrates everything."

Martin said the Wildcats were not very disciplined against Colorado, but they have been much more so since then. His keys to the game are paying attention to detail and guarding the basketball.

"We've got to guard them," Martin said. "We've got to guard the basket. It starts with guarding the basketball. If you can't guard the ball, then you can't guard the perimeter because you're always

the totem pole in the Big 12 could be quite a competitive game. Junior forward Victor Ojeleye said the Wildcats could really benefit from this win.

"I think it'd be really important for our team as a whole," Ojeleye said. "It's really important to continue to build whenever you get a little bit of momentum and just



Sophomore guard Rodney McGruder runs the ball down the court during the game against Nebraska on Wednesday in Bramlage Coliseum.

caught helping, and if you're caught helping then it's hard to get the shooters."

While the Cyclones may not look overly daunting on paper, the Wildcats will still have their hands full, as Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum holds 14,000 fans and "Hilton Magic" gives the Cyclones "college basketball's biggest home-court advantage," according to the team's official website.

Couple that with the fact the Wildcats are 2-4 on the road this season, and what looks like merely a matchup of two teams low on

get another road win like we did earlier in the year."



Junior forward Jamar Samuels dribbles the ball in the game against Nebraska on Wednesday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

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Tennis to compete in 4 road matches

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

The women's tennis team will try to extend its win streak to four this weekend. In January, the team defeated New Mexico and Drake at home.

On Saturday, the Wildcats face Miami of Ohio. Then they play No. 30 Iowa on Sunday. The team played Miami of Ohio in the Hoosier Classic during the fall season.

Iowa has a 5-1 record against K-State going into what will be the seventh meeting of the two teams. Last year, Iowa beat the Wildcats in a decisive 7-0 victory.

The Wildcats will look for strong play from senior Antea Huljev, sophomore Karla Bonacic and freshman Petra Niedermayerova.

Huljev, the team's lone senior, holds a 6-4 singles record this season. This spring, she is 4-2 after winning two matches in the Wildcats' home opener. Huljev also won a doubles match against Drake in the opener when paired with sophomore Carmen Borau Ramos.

In the match against Drake, Huljev reached her 50th career singles win.

Bonacic also earned a pair of wins at the home opener, improving her record at the third lineup position to 4-0. She has an even record this season at 6-6.

Niedermayerova emerged last season as a strong freshman contender. Her performance this season has led to a 4-1 record.

The team has won 66 percent of its doubles matches this season. Ana Gomez Aleman, sophomore, and Nina Sertic, junior, paired together to open the season with a 2-0 record. Over their past five doubles matches, the tandem has won four.

This weekend's matches are the first of four road matches for the Wildcats. After Iowa, the team is scheduled to travel to Denton, Texas, where it will face Louisiana-Lafayette and North Texas.

K-State prepares to tangle with Tigers in Columbia

Paul Harris
senior staff writer

No one saw this coming. The preseason poll voters, the players and the fans have been blindsided by K-State's meteoric rise to the top-four of the Big 12 Conference.

"I was hoping," sophomore guard Brittany Chambers said. "But no, I didn't expect it."

But head coach Deb Patterson is quick to sour the mood.

"We are light-years from the end of the conference season," Patterson said.

Patterson and company have their first chance to sweep a conference opponent and push their winning streak to five games as the Wildcats travel to Missouri on Saturday. K-State is coming off of an emotionally charged victory against in-state rival Kansas, winning 65-60.

This is K-State's first game in a week. K-State has struggled away from home all year long, but they are riding the momentum of a win at Colorado. K-State has won the last three meetings in Columbia, Mo.

Missouri sits at 3-5 in the conference. The Tigers have been stout in Columbia all year long and are 3-1 in the



Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers faces off with a KU defender. The Wildcats defeated Kansas 65-60 on Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum.

conference at home, including an 85-80 victory over Texas.

Senior guard Raeshara Brown was a nuisance for the

Wildcats in their last meeting. Brown, who is averaging a team-leading 19 points per game, scored 33 of Missouri's 63 points.

conference standings in steals per game.

Junior forward Christina Flores, the Tigers' second-leading scorer, was hampered with a wrist injury in the team's last meeting. Flores finished with 11 points on 3 of 9 shooting and was in foul trouble throughout the contest.

Another junior forward, Jalana Childs, was instrumental in the Wildcats' victory against the Tigers in Bramlage Coliseum. Childs notched a career-high 21 points and made life tough for Missouri's senior forward Shakara Jones on the other end. Jones fouled out of the contest.

But if K-State wants to walk out of Columbia with its second road victory in the conference season, it will rely on their sophomores. Karr and Chambers are one of the Big 12's best scoring backcourts. Sophomore guard Mariah White averages a team-leading 4 assists per game.

Currently, K-State has the Big 12's stingiest defense. The Wildcats allow only 52 points per game. If K-State wants to surpass their conference win total from last year, the Wildcats will rely heavily on their defense for the rest of the season.

Track heads north to Lincoln for two-day meet



Junior Nina Kokot competes in the long jump event during the meet against Benedictine College on Jan. 22 at Ahern Fieldhouse.

Justin Nutter
sports editor

Less than a week after taking on some of the nation's top talent at the Big 12-SEC Challenge, the K-State track and field team is back in action against some familiar competition.

The Wildcats have sent 35 athletes north to conference-rival Nebraska for the 36th annual Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational. The two-day meet, which will take place at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, is comprised of a 15-team field, including Big 12-rivals Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas and Oklahoma. The Wildcats competed alongside the Sooners at last weekend's competition in College Station, Texas.

Today's competition is set to begin at noon with the men's and women's combined events. Field competition will begin with the women's weight throw at 5 p.m., while running com-

petition will start an hour later with the women's 60-meter hurdles. Senior Denise Baker will try her luck in that event after earning a second-place finish in last week's competition.

"Denise ran well in the hurdles," head coach Cliff Roveto said of Baker's most recent performance. "She only ran faster than that one time, and that was at the end of the year last year. She's done well."

Fellow senior hurdler Jeffrey Julmis will also be in action again this weekend. The 2010 All-American saw his first competition of the year in College Station, when he finished third in the 60-meter hurdles behind Texas Tech's Bryce Brown and Texas A&M's Wayne Davis II.

"I think that, over the next month, (Julmis) will make a lot more progress," Roveto said. "I think the times he ran in his first meet were very, very good." Love, a sprinter, and Bozzay, a distance runner, both captured event titles in last weekend's meet. Love brought home a first-place finish in the 600-meter run, while Bozzay finished first in the mile run. Both will look to build on their recent success during Saturday's competition.

"Ben Love had a little bit of a breakthrough," Roveto said. "In the past, he's had trouble getting out aggressively. At our last home meet, he went out a little bit too hard, perhaps. This time, he's kind of more where he should be. I think he gained a lot of confidence. I thought Bozzay looked very good in the mile as well."

BOWL BITES

Food enhances party, leaves 'Super' aftertaste

Kelsey Castanon
Edge editor

The Super Bowl only comes once a year, and the enormous amount of excitement that comes along with the game could build quite an appetite. In between plays, tackles and touchdowns, should be a laid-back feast of finger foods. Besides beer and a Packers or Steelers jersey, here are a few other essential — and tasty — options to bring to the Super Bowl party.

Necessary for any Super Bowl party is dip. Whether it is a cheese, bean or veggie dip, no spread is truly complete without this item on the table.

Reagan Domer, senior in management information systems, said her favorite food to eat during the Super Bowl is "veggies and dip because I like using festive trays."

A must have on the tray, Domer said, is bell peppers. Other options could include carrots, celery sticks, broccoli and cauliflower. Also in place of veggie dip could be ranch dressing,

depending on taste preference. If veggies aren't your thing, a chipotle raspberry black bean dip, similar to the one at So Long Saloon in Aggierville, is my personal favorite side dish at a get-together. Making it takes under 30 minutes, and the ingredients could include items already in your pantry: a can of black beans, Monterey jack cheese, cream cheese and raspberry chipotle sauce. Mix all ingredients together, adding the raspberry sauce last, and bake in the oven at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Served with tortilla chips, this bean dip is an addicting mix that's nearly impossible to put down.

In addition to bean dips, tortilla chips could be paired with different cheese dips. The varieties of cheese dips are numeral; listed separately are a few cheese dip recipes to keep in mind.

Barbecue little smokies are a tailgating favorite due to the simple steps necessary to make them. Ingredients include little smokies, which are small cooked sausages, and a bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce. In a recipe posted on [food.com](#), two 3-pound packages of little smokies, 18 ounces of grape jelly and 42 ounces of barbecue sauce should be placed in a slow cooker for

a few hours before serving. Sticking a toothpick in each mini sausage makes it easy for guests to eat and creates a perfect presentation for a popular gameday treat.

Chicken wings could also be a party crowd-pleaser, if done right. Cliff Burdick, junior in psychology, said he buys chicken wings at the store and makes them at home. He said once you get the wings, you just add creole sauce and any preferred type of barbecue sauce.

"There's an array of barbecue sauces you can use," Burdick said. "You just soak them in it, add some soy sauce and you're good. Soy sauce makes everything taste better."

Sandwiches are simple snacks that fill your appetite better than your average appetizer. In a recipe posted by [ivilage.com](#), pulled chicken sliders are easy and quick to make and would be perfect to bring to the Super Bowl watch-party.

The recipe calls for six boneless, skinless chicken thighs, chicken broth, barbecue sauce and a dozen (or more) mini rolls. After cooking the chicken and broth in a covered pot for around 20 minutes, you can begin shredding the chicken with fork. Mix the barbecue sauce into the pan and adjust the thickness of the sauce by adding or draining the chicken broth. Split the rolls in half and place the chicken-and-sauce mixture on top. The sandwich is easy to make, and serves the same amount of people as the amount of rolls, which is perfect for portion control.

If cooking a variety of appetizers was not on your Super Bowl itinerary this Sunday, it would be hard to go wrong with a bag of chips. If all else fails, at least you have 20 Doritos flavors to choose from.

"You can't go wrong with Doritos," said Erik Wray, junior in social sciences.

This Sunday, the Packers and the Steelers will face off in the big game. The only thing that would be worse than missing a play of the Super Bowl to run out and buy some food to munch on would be missing the commercials for the same reason. You can't risk missing any of it, so wherever you go and whatever you bring, make sure to be prepared.

CHEESE DIP RECIPES SURE TO SCORE SOME POINTS

White Cheese Jalapeno Dip

Ingredients:
2 1/2 pounds of white American cheese
1/2 white onion — diced
1 cup jalapeno pepper — chopped
1 cup canned green chiles — chopped
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup diced tomato

Directions:
Combine the ingredients (minus tomatoes) in a double boiler.
Cook slowly over low heat until melted. If you don't have a double boiler, a large bowl over a pan of simmering water will suffice.
Add tomatoes to the melted mix.
Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Recipe from: [foodnetwork.com](#)

Spicy Cheese Dip

Ingredients:
1 package Velveeta Cheese
1 can Rotel tomatoes — drained
1 can green chiles — drained
1 pound ground beef — cooked
1 onion chopped

Directions:
Cook hamburger and onion in skillet until browned, and then drain.
Add Velveeta cheese, tomatoes, green chiles and cooked hamburger and onions into the slow cooker. Set on low for 2 hours.
Stir occasionally, adding milk if the cheese gets too thick.

Recipe from: [recipetips.com](#)

Lemon-Pepper Cheese Wheel

Ingredients:
1 package Pepperidge Farm Harvest Wheat Distinctive Crackers
3 packages softened cream cheese
4 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 green onions — chopped
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:
Heat the oven to 350 degrees F. Crush 20 crackers into crumbs and spread them on the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan.
Mix the cream cheese, eggs and milk in a food processor until the mixture is smooth. Add the Swiss cheese, Parmesan cheese, onions, lemon zest and black pepper. Mix until combined and then add into the pan.
Put in oven for an hour. Let the cheese wheel cool for 20 minutes.
Refrigerate for four hours. Serve with crackers.

Recipe from: [recipe.com](#)

Restaurants require early start, house parties offer alternative



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Buffalo Wild Wings has 38 televisions. Many of the bars and restaurants in Aggierville have a game-friendly atmosphere, perfect for watching the Super Bowl.

Dane Rhodes
Staff writer

This Sunday, millions of people will be doing one thing in common — watching the Super Bowl. Sadly, there isn't enough room in the Cowboy Stadium to accommodate that many people; this is where Super Bowl parties come in. Being a college student, sporting events are a time to gather with friends and root for a specific team in unison. The Super Bowl is arguably the most exciting event of the year. Knowing where to go and when to get there is a must.

While there are many places to go, choosing the right place can be difficult as there are so many choices. Going out to Aggierville and other restaurants is sure to be a hassle this Sunday, for these places will more than likely be packed with Super Bowl fans.

Griffin Kelley, employee at Buffalo Wild Wings, said, "We usually have a ton of take out early (in the afternoon) for the Super Bowl, but we will probably start filling up around 4."

If you head down to places like Kite's, Last Chance Saloon and Buffalo Wild Wings — early in the afternoon, you will surely secure a spot in to watch the game on any of the restaurant's TV's.

Brooke Kueser, junior in secondary education said, "I like to go to restaurants for games because there are people there cheering for the same team that you are and gives it a better atmosphere."

Other bar and grille options could include restaurants further from Aggierville, like Bobby T's sports bar off Kimball Avenue. The sports bar offers half price drinks on Sundays, including Super Bowl Sunday. There's also R.C. McGraw's off Tuttle Creek Boulevard.

One of the most exciting parts of a Super Bowl is having a party for it. If vying for a spot at a local restaurant doesn't sound like a fun time, having people over to your house or apartment could be an easy and successful way to celebrate the Super Bowl festivities.

Many people will be hosting or attending Super Bowl parties with friends and will have just as much fun as going out. Hosting a Super Bowl party is a lot of work but definitely worth it for any fan.

"I'm going to watch (the Super Bowl) at a friend's house where there is food and a projection screen," Kueser said.

Surrounded by good friends and even better food, it won't matter too much where you watch the game — so long as you enjoy watching what you came to see.

Wild Card Packers face off against powerhouse Steelers

Paige Steele
Staff writer

On a hot August day back in 1919, two men by the names of George Calhoun and Curly Lambeau had the idea to start a football team in Green Bay, Wis. A few weeks, players and jerseys later, donated by Lambeau's employer, the Indian Packing Company, an American football franchise was born: The Green Bay Packers.

The Green Bay Packers are one of the most beloved teams in the NFL. And combined with another mega-franchise, The Pittsburgh Steelers, Super Bowl XLV is expected to rein in 110 million viewers according to [adweek.com](#), that's almost 4 million more viewers than last year's Super Bowl.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have been an NFL powerhouse for quite some time, having claimed two Super Bowl titles in the past five years — in 2006 and 2009 — and staking claim as the team with the most Super Bowl wins in the history of the NFL according to [nfl.com](#).

This year, the team has an impressive 12-4 record. When looking at history and statistics, this is the team to beat.

The Green Bay Packers have somewhat of a bleaker past record. The team's last Super Bowl appearance was in 1998, where the team lost to the Denver Broncos. According to an article in The Chicago Tribune on Wednesday, the only player on the Packers' current roster to ever have a Super Bowl ring is John Kuhn, who, ironically, received it while playing for the Steelers as a member of their practice team in 2005.

Despite a commendable 10-6 record, the Packers had a rocky regular season when it came to injuries. By the 14th week, quarterback Aaron Rodgers had sustained two concussions and 13 other players were out with injuries. The Green Bay Packers proved itself as an all-around team, with not just a few standouts, but a very deep roster to fall back on.

"After Aaron Rodgers had to sit out for his concussions, I was skeptical on if

(the Packers) had a chance to compete in their division, but their offense and defense were too good for them not to make the playoffs," said Jordan Lennan, sophomore in regional and community planning.

Although the Packers came into the playoffs as a Wild Card, the team proved its resiliency and came out on top claiming the title of NFC champions, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles, the Atlanta Falcons and the Chicago Bears and the team is now heading to the Super Bowl.

"I'd like to see (The Packers) win, I think they have a great defense to stop the Steelers' rush offense, and the Packers are the hottest team in the NFL right now with playing well and winning their way through the playoffs and now making it to the Super Bowl," Lennan said.

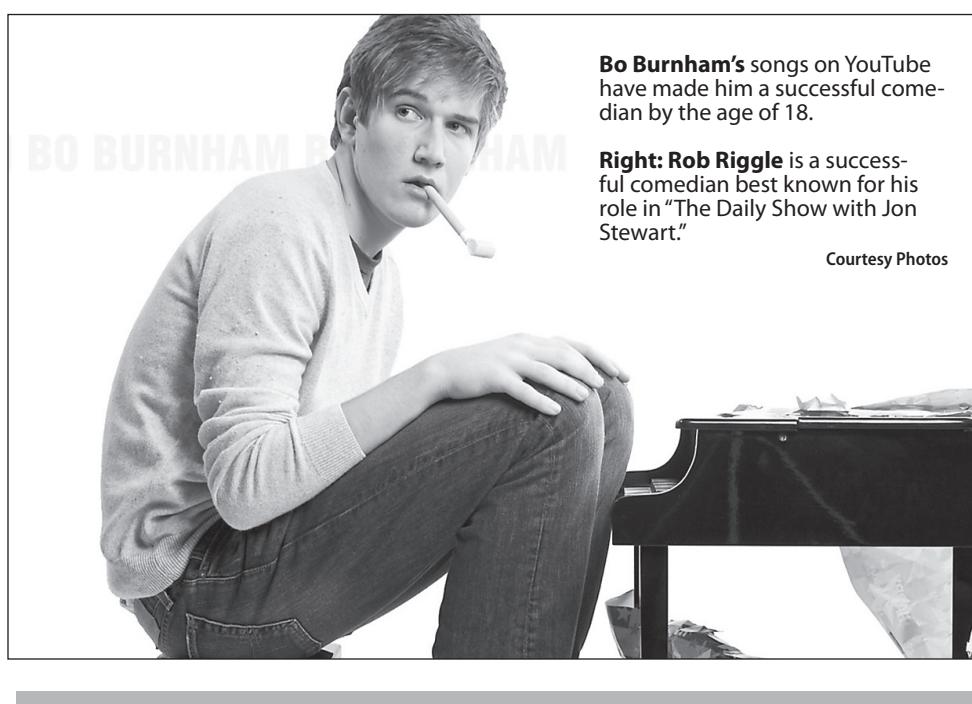
With a Wild Card team like the Green Bay Packers going into the Super Bowl against an old veteran, both mega-NFL franchises, this is one Super Bowl that is worth watching.

A TALE OF TWO TEAMS

Green Bay Packers

Pittsburgh Steelers

10-6	REGULAR SEASON RECORD	12-4
3-1	ALL-TIME SUPER BOWL RECORD	6-1
Cheesehead	NOTABLE FAN PROP	Terrible Towel



Bo Burnham has made him a successful comedian by the age of 18.

Right: Rob Riggle is a successful comedian best known for his role in "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

Courtesy Photos

Comedy show coming to K-State

Sam Diederich
news editor



With winter storms, icy roads and temperatures dropping to single digits, Manhattan could use some laughs. The Union Program Council is offering students, faculty and comedy-lovers the chance to attend performances by Bo Burnham and Rob Riggle on Monday, Feb. 7 in McCain Auditorium.

Burnham's comedic song styling has brought him more than 70 million views on YouTube. At 18 years old, he became the youngest person to record a Comedy Central special.

Riggle has been seen in a

different comedians that appeal to the college audience, and we thought these two comedians would go great together," Shankle said. "Bo Burnham has been a favorite on YouTube, and Rob Riggle, I'm really excited to hear him because I love all the movies he is in."

According to the UPC's website, tickets can be purchased at the McCain box office. K-State students and members of the military can purchase tickets for \$14, and non-students can purchase tickets for \$18.

"I would encourage everyone to see the show," Shankle said. "I definitely think any age group, high school and up, would enjoy the show."

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NELSON | Mother: 'He's a good kid'

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talked him, the position he is in," Kim said. "Good things do happen to good people. He's a good kid; he has his head on straight."

Jordy and his wife Emily, who also calls Kansas her home, try to return home whenever they have the chance.

The Nelsons showed off their stomping grounds this past summer when current

Packers players Greg Jennings, James Jones and Brett Swain visited the Nelson farm with their wives. The group spent their time riding tractors and ATVs through pastures and creeks and helping plant wheat.

It is hard to believe that a man who puts on the number 87 jersey for an NFL team returns home to help with the farm, said Mike, Nelson's older brother.

"Just five months ago," Mike said, "he was sitting out here dumping grain for wheat harvest."

As for the upcoming Super Bowl, the Nelson family is headed to Arlington, Texas to see Nelson play in what so many before Nelson have only dreamt about.

"He's taken all of this in and not taken it for granted," Kim said. "He realizes how fortunate he is to be in this position."

FACEBOOK | Site ups lobbying efforts

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appreciate that."

For Jaron Meyer, sophomore in chemical engineering, the sharing of information is a slightly larger deterrent to using the social site.

"It does affect how I use Facebook. I don't share information as openly as I would if I knew they didn't share the information," Meyer said.

Facebook does give some control to the user about who sees their information, and encourages people to use the privacy settings offered. According to the Personal Information clause on the Facebook Privacy page, "Your personal information settings control who can see your personal information, such as your religious and political views, if you choose to add them. We recommended that you share this information using the friend of friends setting." Facebook offers five security settings for users: "Everyone," "Friends and Networks," "Friends of Friends," "Friends Only" and "Customize."

However, according to Nick Bilton in a May 12 article in the New York Times, "Facebook has revised its privacy

policy to require users to opt out if they wish to keep information private, making most of that information public by default...to opt out of full disclosure of most information, it is necessary to click through more than 50 privacy buttons, which then require choosing among a total of more than 170 options."

Swanson agreed that the current route to making profiles secure is sometimes a difficult process.

"For opting out, my advice is 'user beware. You really have to be savvy and aware to keep up with it all. It's very fluid,'" Swanson said.

Facebook has dealt with privacy issues in the past.

"Before the Wall Street Journal investigation, it was easy for Facebook to say the concerns were groundless," Swanson said. "After it broke, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced the Facebook planned to encrypt user IDs. So far, it is still being referred to as a plan."

However, this situation is also slightly different, Swanson said.

"The pattern for Facebook seems to be that public concern over a privacy issue increases, and then Facebook re-

sponds with an announcement of plans," Swanson said. "Now, Facebook is also increasing its lobbying efforts to shape public policy on the issue that the public is concerned about."

Facebook recently contributed \$6,000 to lobbying against the Social Network Privacy Act in California, which deals with disclosing information from minors. It is currently stalled in the California assembly. Facebook has also increased lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

"The concern is that Facebook has seemed to be reactive in the past, but now they're being proactive in lobbying to shape legislative views on the very issue it's been saddled with," Swanson said.

It may be the government who steps in on the issue in the future, Swanson said, but users can also do their part to protect themselves on the site.

"Don't put anything out there that could be used against you, or that would embarrass you if it came out publicly," Swanson said. "The social network medium allows for lots of carelessness, but students should be aware of the charges made that the data is being mined and used."

Bleached bleachers



Carlos Salazar | Collegian

Recent snow accumulation contrasts with and highlights the curves of bleachers at Old Stadium.

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said he relishes the opportunity to continue his work in research labs.

"I started doing research in the chemistry department as a freshman," Wilmeth said. "I had done research in high school and when I got to college, I looked for opportunities to get involved."

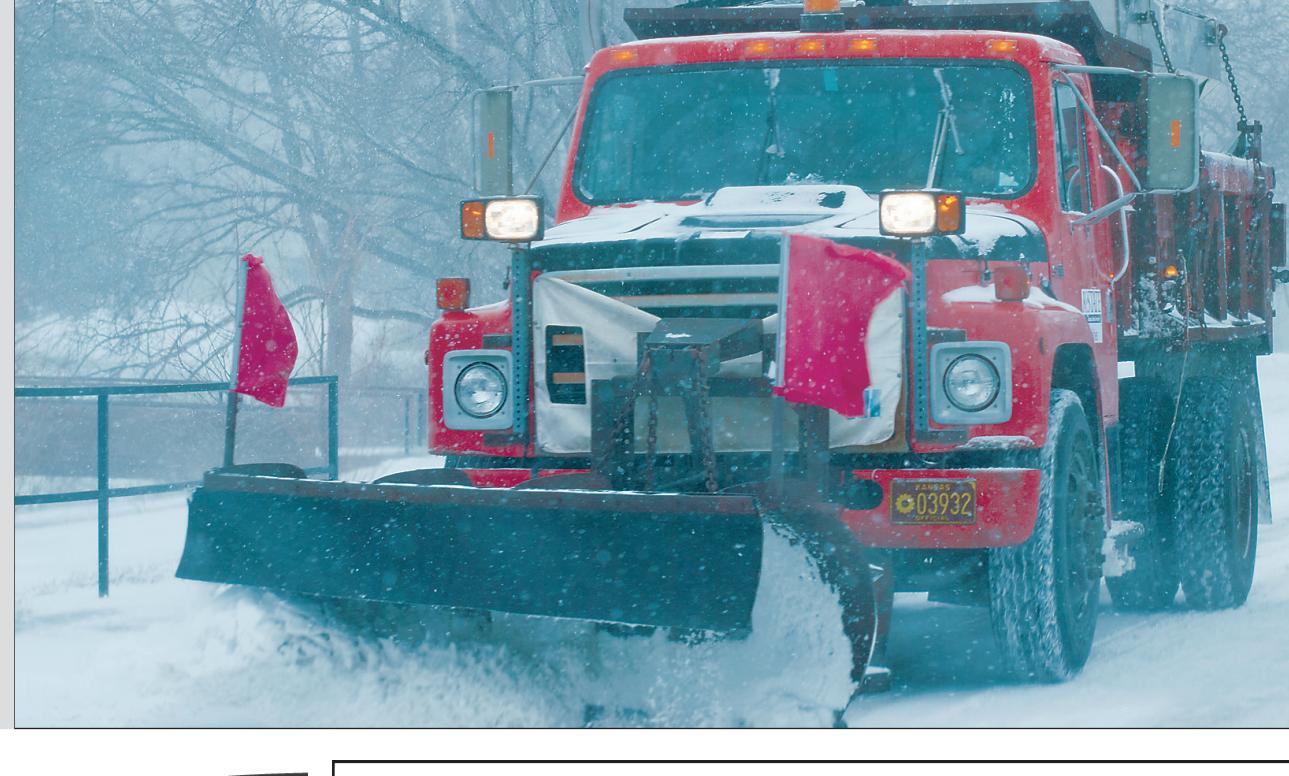
He and three other undergraduates work in a biochemistry lab that is studying protein sequencing.

"I think it's an amazing learning opportunity," Wilmeth said. "It's one thing to sit in a lecture, but once you get into a lab, you learn so much more. It's just really nice to have people around you who are completely supportive."

Denell said support and experience are exactly what the program is designed to provide.

"We have found that students over the years have considered this to be a keystone experience in their undergraduate studies," Denell said. "It gives them a foundation to move forward."

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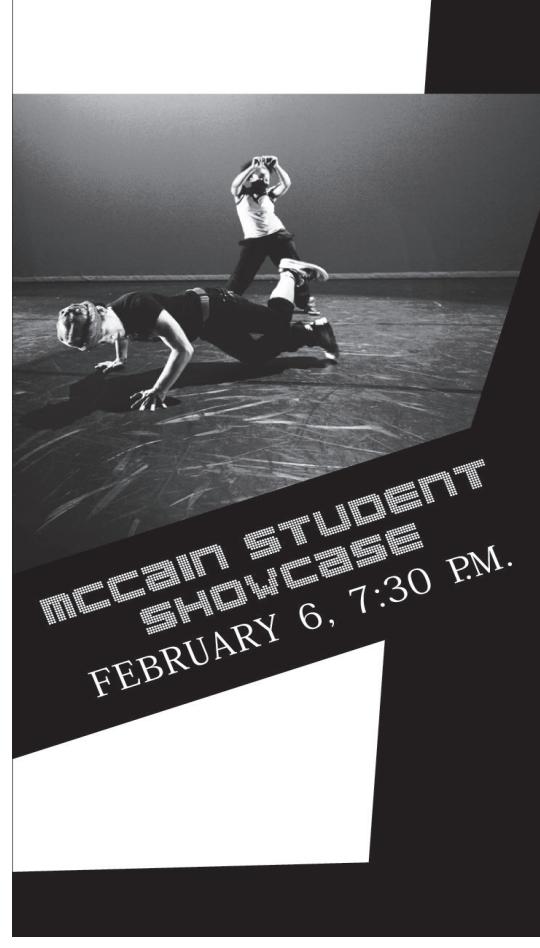
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Valentines Day Guide



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Romance with a modern twist

Sandi Lam
staff writer

Can the romantic dates from movie screens be recreated in real life? It seems hard to believe on a college student's budget. Fortunately, the evaluation of the date is not directly correlated to the amount of perfection in most students' eyes. So, if taking a date to a five-star restaurant and getting the best table in the house is not the only way to achieve perfection, what else does the trick?

Despite some misconceptions, a girl does not need to be taken out to a gala or fancy dinner to be impressed. Erin Hurd, junior in interior architecture, said the perfect date occurs when "something out of the ordinary is combined with something traditional."

She suggested a traditional meal together followed by an unusual activity like geocaching, which is a hide-and-seek-type game to play with a partner or group, according to geocaching.com.

Hurd recommended The Little Grill and said the restaurant "has a unique atmosphere, live music and is an all-around interesting place."

As for a post-dinner activity, visiting a thrift store like The Grand Ol' Trunk or going ice-skating can allow two people to enjoy each others' companies while staying within a relaxed and fun environment.

"Dates where we can enjoy the natural environment are the best ones," Hurd said.

Places unique to Manhattan like the Konza Prairie, Manhattan Hill and the Top of the World lookout are stable outdoor choices for a romantic backdrop for further conversation with a special someone.

If a girl wants a traditional date

with a modern twist, what does a guy want in a perfect date? Michael Cabrera, senior in life sciences, said he believes the date should fashion a "balance between class and affordability."

He said an overly expensive date gives a pretentious vibe and that classless date will seem cheap.

"How are you going to woo your date with plastic cutlery and a place mat with a kiddy mat on it?" Cabrera said.

Some great Manhattan options that fall into the category of appropriate restaurants include Coco Bolos, Hibachi Hut and the Little Apple Brewery. Cabrera said romance should be taken into consideration and both parties "can appreciate intimacy without distraction, maybe somewhere with a view, preferably not wheat fields."

It seems guys also enjoy dates that take place outdoors. Cabrera specifically endorsed "the spot on top of the letters by Bluemont Scenic Drive."

"That place is money in the bank," he said.

The idea of the perfect date for both men and women does not vary much. It boils down to what each half of the dating couple prefers to do for their shared date that matters. The perfect date can be had in Manhattan, and with some searching, one will find that more than a few places exist to play the role of the romantic setting.

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Ice skating is a good choice for a lighthearted date. Jessie Khoury, sophomore in fine arts, and her boyfriend Quintin Liberty, junior in nuclear engineering, enjoy date night Jan. 27.

"How are you going to woo your date with plastic cutlery and a place mat with a kiddy mat on it?"

Michael Cabrera
senior in life sciences



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If you are searching for the perfect Valentine's Day gift, be wary of buying chocolate. Along with great taste comes weeks of regret.



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Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
If you are single, you might want to ask a good friend to spoon this week. It will relieve your loneliness.



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Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
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Keep your eyes open this week. You could meet your potential soulmate at the grocery store. Or on campus. Or in Aggierville. You just never know.



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You have been patiently waiting to get out of the "friend zone." Nothing will change unless you risk the chance of getting out. Friends are the best relationships, you know.



Taurus April 20 - May 20
Love is persistent. Call your mom and dad at least 10 times today. Don't forget to say "I love you" each time.



Gemini May 21 - June 20
Avoid listening to "All Out of Love" on repeat this week. Sobbing uncontrollably on the highway will surely slow traffic down. At least move into the "slow" lane.



Cancer June 21 - July 22
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Leo July 23 - Aug. 22
Make sure to take a nice, long shower before your day today. You will be getting a lot of hugs; it would be rude to smell.



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-Compiled by Kelsey Castanon

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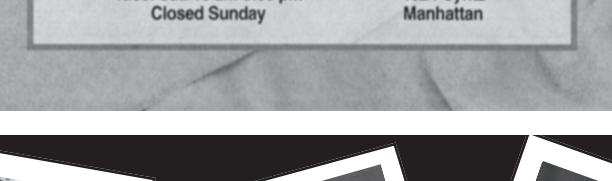
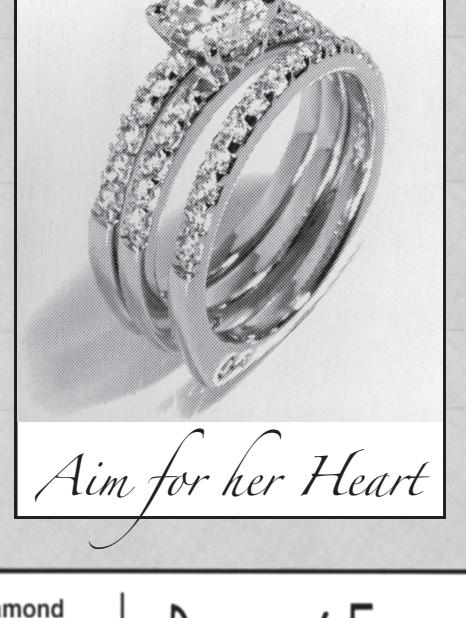
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Friends with benefits: a commitment to noncommitment?

Sandi Lam
staff writer

In the newly released movie "No Strings Attached," two friends who attempt to maintain a strictly physical relationship explore the concept of "friends with benefits." Not being exclusively involved with someone, yet reaping the benefits of intimate encounters with them, could create a tricky and entangled relationship.

With the risk of confusing a meaningful relationship with something less, some people engage in purely physical, non-committal friends with benefits situations. The question arises, though, of whether or not these relationships can successfully function; if the absence of commitment is key, the success of the relationship depends upon if the parties involved can keep their feelings separate from their shared activities.

Friends with benefits relationships are characterized by different activities, defined differently by different people. Regardless of how intimate the encounters are, the premise remains the same — physical activity with no expectations of a deeper relationship.

Lauren Schumaker, sophomore in family studies and human services, said her experience with such a relationship

was "OK at the time, but later messed with my head."

Getting intimately involved, no matter the level of intimacy, could be linked to emotional feelings. Schumaker, who put an end to the relationship, warned others to "be wary of entering into that type of situation, because one person tends to get hurt."

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Will Fisher
sophomore in interior design

"One person will eventually get attached," said Will Fisher, sophomore in interior design. "Friends with benefits has some commitment no matter what."

It doesn't seem to matter whether two people have confirmed boyfriend or girlfriend titles or even share valuable conversation.

Some relationship has been established between the two involved parties, and when one of the two begins to want something other than the initial arrangement, conflict and possible awkwardness could set in.

Matt Johnson, graduate student in marriage and family therapy, is researching these types of relationships for his dissertation.



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"Friends with benefits" relationships might appear perfect at the outset, but conventional wisdom states that more often than not, it is too difficult for one party involved to separate the emotional from the intimate.

"There are friends with benefits relationships that work and some that do not work," he said.

As a newer area of study in his professional field, he said he has theories on the relationships.

"It is a lot more difficult to separate our emotions than we

anticipate," Johnson said. As Schumaker and Fisher say, the emotional commitment is ever-present.

"There are those who wholeheartedly endorse this behavior and have no problem separating the emotional and physical, but the majority express regret, shame or dis-

approval over this practice," Johnson said through teaching a class that covers intimate relationships.

Having a friends with benefits relationship might seem to be harmless and hassle-free at the time, but the relationship could potentially hurt one or both of the partners

involved. Despite the apparent acceptance of the trend and common knowledge of its risks, it is still difficult to predict whether a friends with benefits relationship will work for either person involved.

"Can friends with benefits relationships work? Yes. Is it probable? No," Johnson said.

I love you...

Kelsey Castanon
edge editor

The phrase "I love you" can start to sound a bit tired and trite when it is said on multiple occasions each day. To spice things up in your life, learn how to say "I love you" in different languages. Here's a list of languages to express your love to those you love most. Obviously, it's not how you say it that means the most — it's how you show it.

Fun for singles on V-Day

Paige Steele
staff writer

Singles Awareness Day couldn't be put any simpler than by [urban-dictionary.com](#), which describes the holiday as "a day more for celebration of being single," while singles

"are free from having to get a gift, going to dinner at a restaurant they don't like or any of the other myriad 'have to' Valentine's Day activities."

Contrarily known as Valentine's Day, Singles Awareness Day is just around the corner. And if your Facebook relationship status reads anything like "single," "divorced," or even "it's complicated," chances are you're already rounding up the single troops in search of something fun to do on Feb. 14.

With all the activities Manhattan has to offer, finding alternative ways to spend Singles Awareness Day besides the misconceived notion of being alone and feeling sorry for oneself should be effortless and exciting. One option is to take your sassy single self down to Aggieville.

"I'm going to Kite's," said Jacob Sipple, junior in marketing. "It should be fun; I hear they have karaoke on Monday nights and I have an excellent singing voice that should make the ladies melt."

Another alternative is to treat yourself. Either with a day of self-love and relaxation or by splurging

on that new pair of rollerblades you've had your eyes on. And since you don't have a significant other that you're obligated to spend your cash on, why not spend some hard-earned dollars on yourself?

"Since I don't have a boyfriend this year, I'll make my mom feel bad for me so she'll buy me this fun pair of cheetah print heels that I want and wear them out that night," said Courtney Fox, junior in apparel and marketing.

If you are one of those die-hard sports fans who will actually be able to snag a seat, attending the big game against KU to be held on that evening would be a great way to spend your Singles Awareness Day.

"I'm going to the game with some of my bros that night," said Zach Lyman, junior in accounting and finance. "I'm pretty confident we're going to win, and after we do I'll reflect on why I love frattin and being single."

Regardless of what your plans may be this Singles Awareness Day, many K-Staters would agree being single on Valentine's Day is not a bad thing, but is something to be cherished.

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SINGLES AWARENESS DAY

Feb. 14, the day that every single man realizes, "Damn, I forgot to get a girlfriend." Usually the wiser of the men realize this days ahead based on the many pink and red hearts and fluffy overpriced things found as they go to purchase their beer, or perhaps whilst sitting on the couch enjoying the rerun of "Independence Day" realizing that every other television advertisement contains the word "love" or

a suggestion to the holiday most refer to as "Valentine's Day."

Singles Awareness Day is also abbreviated "SAD," which can be found quite fitting to many people, ironic to the people in relationships, and quite clever to those who don't give a shit either way.

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Lovin' playlist: Songs for both singles and couples to listen to

Kelsey Castanon
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How you feel about Valentine's Day often has to do with your relationship status. Whether you are riding solo or are happily in love, there is a playlist of eight songs for every situation.

V-Day playlist for singles

If you're without an ol' ball and chain, you will more than likely want to celebrate the day with friends and family. Here is a playlist of all the single-and-proud songs to add to your

playlist on Singles Awareness Day.

Gloria Gaynor - "I Will Survive"

The classic single and proud song out there never gets old. Whether you have been without a significant other for a while or are newly single, this track will surely cheer you up.

Beyonce - "Single Ladies"

No matter your sex, every person can find a reason to dance to this song.

J. Geils Band - "Love Stinks"

Yes, it might remind you of the pathetic mop in the Swiffer commercial, but listening to this song doesn't have to mean you are equivalent to a mop — just that love stinks.

Britney Spears or Bobby Brown - "My Prerogative"

It is the song for independence. "You can't tell me what to do" — now, that's something to be excited about.

Jason Derulo - "Ridin' Solo"

One of my personal favorites, this song is a constant reminder of everything that's good and carefree about being single.

Lenny Kravitz - "Anti-Love Song"

Need there be more explanation?

Celine Dion - "All By Myself"

Hey, who said it was a bad thing? Maybe you can find a way to "happily" sing it.

Sir Mix-A-Lot - "Baby Got Back"

No, this has absolutely nothing to do with being single — but it is definitely a constant reminder of what you get to freely look at when you are.

V-Day playlist for couples

If you are looking for a playlist of all the best love songs and are looking to celebrate with your special someone, here is your go-to guide. The sheer volume of love songs out there is inestimable, but here is a basic list of a few hits.

Marvin Gaye - "Let's Get It On"

The king of love cannot be topped: this is the ultimate lovin' song — and it's perfect for

Valentine's Day.

Love, Babe"

Another classic love song; it's the type to remind you just how much in love you are.

Usher feat. Alicia Keys - "My Boo"

Cheesy, yes. A good love song? Double yes.

Elton John - "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?"

Why yes, John, we do in fact feel the love.

Aerosmith - "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing"

Granted, this song was written for Steve Tyler's daughter, Liv, but you don't need to mention that when listening to it on Valentine's Day. I won't tell if you don't.



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